Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 03 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 04 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 16:36 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence through the period.

Headline for Friday 03 Feb 2023: Mainly dry to start but patchy light rain later.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 03 Feb 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	30%	70%	60%	30%	20%	30%

Forecast for Friday 03 Feb 2023

Weather: A mainly dry start, aside from the odd shower in the far north during the early hours. Increasing amounts of low cloud push up from the southwest by mid-morning, accompanied by patchy light rain or drizzle. This clearing to the northeast by late afternoon/evening to allow some sunny or clear breaks.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% at first, decreasing to 20% by late morning, increasing to 60% by evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Good at first but extensive low cloud leading to hill fog by late morning, cloud breaking up during the afternoon, leaving scattered low cloud and isolated hill fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	47/56 W	33/40 W	33/40 W	24/29 W	36/43 SW	36/44 SW	35/45 SW	37/46 SW	39/49 SW
900	45/53 W	31/38 W	32/40 W	21/26 W	32/39 SW	33/41 SW	34/44 SW	36/46 SW	37/46 SW
600	30/38 W	21/29 W	21/29 W	13/18 SW	20/27 SW	21/29 SW	22/31 SW	25/35 SW	24/35 SW
300	9/41 W	6/29 W	5/28 W	2/18 W	2/22 SW	8/30 SW	8/32 SW	9/34 SW	10/34 SW
Glen	18/35 W	12/26 W	9/22 W	2/9 W	3/13 SW	11/25 SW	11/26 SW	13/29 SW	14/29 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-11	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-8	1/-7	3/-4	2/-6	3/-5	2/-6
900	-0/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-7	2/-5	4/-3	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
600	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	4/-2	6/1	5/-0	5/0	5/-0
300	5/2	4/2	4/2	4/3	4/3	7/5	7/5	7/5	7/4
Glen	7/3	7/3	7/4	6/5	7/5	10/7	9/7	9/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	800m	800m	2000m	1600m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling very cold at height despite the milder temperatures in the glens, with very strong winds at first. Due to a technical error the wind/temperature details can currently only be viewed in the printable pdf version of this forecast.

Forecast for Saturday 04 Feb 2023

Weather: Patchy low cloud at first, increasing by mid-morning, with outbreaks of rain following behind. Potential for some sleet and snow on the back edge of the front. This clearing around mid-afternoon to sunny spells and scattered wintry showers. Showers easing into the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 20-25 mph gusting 40-45 mph becoming westerly and decreasing later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% at first, decreasing to 20% by mid-morning, 80% by late afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud leading to hill fog at first, becoming extensive on the front. Isolated low cloud and moderate or poor visibility in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 falling to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 falling to minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1400m falling to 600m into the evening.

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